

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

DATE September 2, 2004

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Lonnell Conley, Chairman
Jim Bradford
Scott Keller
Mike Speedy
Dane Mahern
Mary Moriarty Adams
Angela Mansfield

Absent Members

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 507, 2004 – authorizes intersection controls for the Fox Ridge subdivision (District 23)
“Do Pass” Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 508, 2004 – authorizes a multi-way stop at the intersection of Straw Hat Drive and Wagon Wheel Trail (District 25)
“Do Pass” Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 509, 2004 – authorizes parking restrictions on Indianola Avenue south of Indianola Court (District 9)
“Do Pass” Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 510, 2004 – authorizes a change in parking restrictions on St. Clair Street from Paca Street to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street (District 15)
“Do Pass” Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 511, 2004 – authorizes the removal of parking restrictions on Park Avenue between Michigan Street and North Street (District 9, 15)

"Do Pass"

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 512, 2004 - authorizes an increase in the speed limit on 56th Street from Emerson Way to Carroll Road (District 4, 11, 12)

"Do Pass"

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 532, 2004 – reappoint William Brown to the Air Pollution Control Board

"Do Pass"

Vote: 6-0

BUDGET HEARING

Review and Analysis

PROPOSAL NO. 455, 2004 – adopts the annual budget for the Solid Waste Collection Special Service District for 2005 appropriating \$29,137,061

"Do Pass"

Vote: 6-1

PROPOSAL NO. 456, 2004 (adopts the annual budget for 2005 for the Consolidated City appropriating \$246,986,660 (Public Works portion only)

"Do Pass as amended"

Vote: 6-1

PROPOSAL NO. 464, 2004 – authorizes loans from the Sanitary Liquid Waste Fund to the Police General Fund and to the Fire General Fund

"Do Pass"

Vote: 4-3

PROPOSAL NO. 466, 2004 – determines the tax levy for 2005 for each fund of the Consolidated City and Marion County (Public Works portion only)

"Do Pass"

Vote: 6-1

PROPOSAL NO. 467, 2004 – authorizes the payment of certain dues for the City and County offices and agencies (Public Works portion only)

"Do Pass"

Vote: 6-1

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, September 2, 2004. Chairman Lonnell Conley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., with the following members present: Scott Keller, Dane Mahern, Mary Moriarty Adams, Angela Mansfield, Jim Bradford and Mike Speedy.

Nathan Sheets Project Engineer for Department Of Public Works, read Proposal Nos. 507 – 512.

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Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to send Proposal Nos. 507–512 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” Recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 532, 2004 – reappoint William Brown to the Air Pollution Control Board

William W. Brown, Chief of the Indianapolis Fire Department, said he is before the committee to be reappointed to the Air Pollution Control Board. He said this is his third term on the board since 1996, and he is asking for consideration by the council to be reappointed. Mr. Brown stated the employees who work in the Environmental Resource Division do a tremendous amount of work. In the last several months they have expedited clearing the backlog of the Title 5 permits. These employees are very dedicated to the job, and the Council should be very proud of the work that they do.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to send Proposal No. 532 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” Recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 455, 2004 – adopts the annual budget for the Solid Waste Collection Special Service District for 2005 appropriating \$29,137,061

Jim Garrard, Director of DPW, stated the budget for DPW is less than a .7% increase, and all the essential services are fully funded. He stated that there will be a closer approach on how the funding is used.

PROPOSAL NO. 456, 2004 (adopts the annual budget for 2005 for the Consolidated City appropriating \$246,986,660 (Public Works portion only)

Mike Williams, Chief Financial Officer, DPW, stated there is an amendment to Proposal 456, 2004 which is to reduce the Character 01 Engineering Division Transportation General Fund by \$96,526 and the Operations Division Transportation General Fund by \$92,824. The original Proposal shows a total budget of \$149,905,194. With the combined reductions of \$189,350 this creates the new revised total of \$ 149,715,844 for the 2005 budget.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield, to amend Proposal No. 456 2004 as per the amendment (Exhibit A). This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

[Clerks note: Exhibit A is on file in the Council office with the original set of minutes.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to send Proposal No. 455 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" Recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 6-1 with Councillor Bradford casting the negative vote.

Councillor Bradford stated he is concerned about certain issues regarding the budget.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to send Proposal No. 456 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" Recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 6-1 with Councillor Bradford casting the negative vote.

PROPOSAL NO. 464, 2004 – authorizes loans from the Sanitary Liquid Waste Fund to the Police General Fund and to the Fire General Fund

Councillor Speedy said that there are concerns if this is a loan from one political subdivision to another political subdivision, because the nature of the Sanitary District is inherently different than the Police and Fire district. He said from his understanding the law does not permit this type of loan. Councillor Speedy asked how this loan is going to be repaid.

Barbara Lawrence, City Controller, stated it would likely be repaid from a collection of revenues similar to what is used to fund fire and police districts now, whether it is COIT, Property Taxes, or some type of collections revenues. She said by statute this loan has to be repaid within 18 months. Councillor Speedy asked if the fees that people pay to the Sanitary District will be used to repay this loan. Ms. Lawrence answered in the negative and stated this is an available fund balance within the Sanitary District. Councillor Speedy asked how this fund would be used if there was no loan from this fund to another fund. Ms. Lawrence stated the funds would remain in the fund balance for the Sanitary District, or it would be utilized for some collections or projects to debt services. She said this loan will not impact the ability of the department to meet its goal for 2005. Councillor Speedy asked what has classified this loan as an emergency situation. Ms. Lawrence stated the pension obligation is enough to classify this as an emergency situation. Councillor Speedy asked if the city has lost sources of funding within the last couple of years. Ms. Lawrence answered in the affirmative and stated there has been a reduction in the COIT distributions. Councillor Speedy asked if federal grants have been lost that have contributed to this emergency situation. Ms. Lawrence answered in the negative. Councillor Speedy asked if a reduction of revenues is a result of foregoing a tax increase. Ms. Lawrence stated that foregoing a tax increase would not reduce revenues. Councillor Speedy asked if this loan would affect the sewer rates. Ms. Lawrence answered in the negative, stating that this loan is out of the fund balance and revenue will go back into the Sanitary District.

Councillor Keller stated an emergency under the law in general is not a series of events. Everyone knew that the pension liability had been building since the year 1953. He said he does not think that this is an emergency situation, and because the \$10 million will have to be repaid in 18 months, it can certainly affect the property taxes. He said he will vote against this proposal. Ms. Lawrence said that Public Safety is the most important function for local government and this loan is one of the measures that has been taken to help fund public safety. She said it is a perfectly legal step to take and she would be happy to share the legal information with all of the Councillors.

Councillor Bradford asked who pays for the Sewer User Fees Fund. Ms. Lawrence stated people within Marion County who have sanitary sewer service pay for this fund. Councillor Bradford said everyone has to somehow work together to seek other options. He stated he will be voting against Proposal No. 464, 2004.

Councillor Mahern said the \$10 million is a lot of money but public safety is the main concern. He stated that if any one can find \$10 million from anywhere else he would support them but if not then he is voting in support of Proposal No. 464, 2004.

Chairman Conley stated that he believes that everyone is trying to cut costs and tighten up where they can due to the current situation.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield, to send Proposal No. 464 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" Recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 4-3 with Councillor Bradford, Councillor Speedy, and Councillor Keller casting the negative votes

PROPOSAL NO. 466, 2004 – determines the tax levy for 2005 for each fund of the Consolidated City and Marion County (Public Works portion only)

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to send Proposal No. 466 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" Recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 6-1 with Councillor Bradford casting the negative vote

PROPOSAL NO. 467, 2004 – authorizes the payment of certain dues for the City and County offices and agencies (Public Works portion only)

Councillor Keller asked why there is a need for a separate proposal for dues. Ms. Lawrence stated that it is in the city code that there must be a separate ordinance for dues.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to send Proposal No. 467 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" Recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 6-1 with Councillor Bradford casting the negative vote

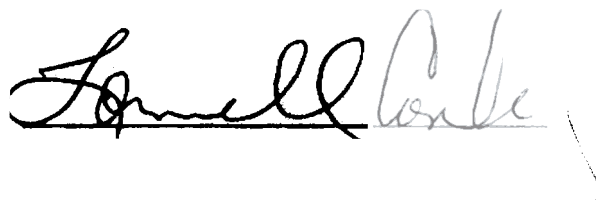
Glen Pratt, Citizen, stated that one of the concerns for cities like Indianapolis is the presence of hormones or hormone type of materials in the effluent. There is a need to look and make sure that the technology that is being installed may not need to have significant modification some years from now. Mr. Pratt stated in other cities similar to Indianapolis where you have a large city and a small receiving stream, there has been found to be significant biological impact from the discharge from the city. He said there is a need to look at this as the city is spending huge dollar amounts on treatment.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Works Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lonnell Conley, Chairman
Public Works Committee

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lonnell Conley", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.